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"Some are born to greatness, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them"
- William Shakespeare

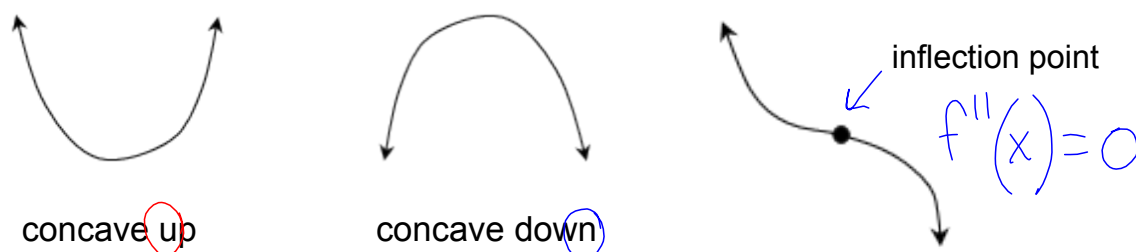
HW: "Concavity" #1-4

AIM: How do we determine the concavity of a function?

Warm Up:

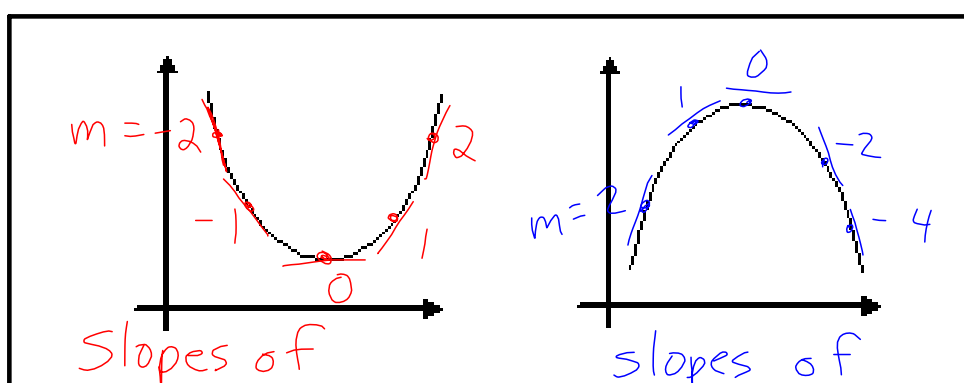
CONCAVITY AND THE SECOND DERIVATIVE TEST

The first derivative describes the direction of the function. The second derivative describes the concavity of the original function. Concavity describes the direction of the curve, how it bends...



Just like direction, concavity of a curve can change, too. The points of change are called **inflection points**.

CONCAVITY EXPLORATION: Draw small tangent lines at points along the curves below. What do you notice about the slopes of the tangent lines (the derivatives) as you move from left to right at these points?



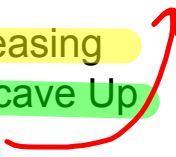
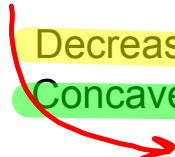




tangent lines
are increasing
(concave up)

tangent lines
are decreasing
(concave down)

TEST FOR CONCAVITY

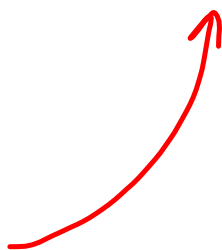
If $f''(x) > 0$, then graph of f is concave up.

If $f''(x) < 0$, then graph of f is concave down.

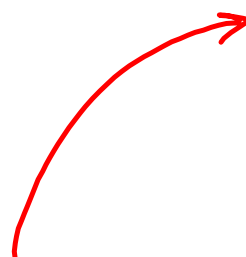
SUMMARY OF FIRST AND SECOND DERIVATIVE TESTS			
	$f'(x) > 0$	$f'(x) < 0$	$f'(x) = 0$
$f''(x) > 0$	Increasing Concave Up 	Decreasing Concave Up 	 Relative Minimum Concave Up
$f''(x) < 0$	Increasing Concave Down 	Decreasing Concave Down 	Relative Minimum ^{Max} Concave Down 
$f''(x) = 0$	Increasing Inflection Point	Decreasing Inflection Point	Function is smooth, "level" possible

inflection point

$$f'(x) > 0$$
$$f''(x) > 0$$



$$f'(x) > 0$$
$$f''(x) < 0$$



EX #1: Given $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - x$, determine the open intervals on which the graph is concave up or down

STEP 1: Find the first derivative. $f'(x)$

$$f'(x) = x^2 - 1$$

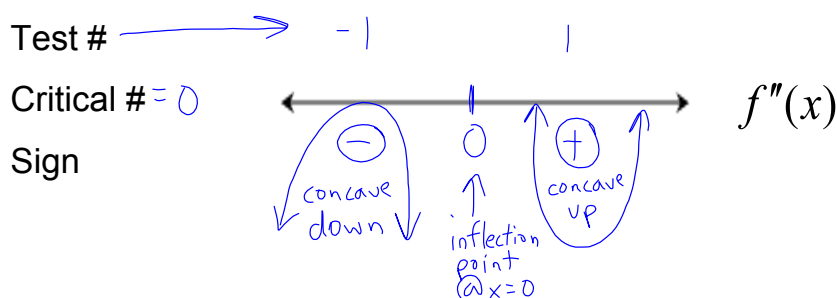
STEP 2: Find the second derivative. $f''(x)$

$$f''(x) = 2x$$

STEP 3: Find the critical values. $f''(x) = 0$

$$2x = 0 \quad x = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{possible inflection point}$$

Make a sign chart for $f''(x)$



STEP 4: Find intervals for increasing/decreasing

first derivative

Increases:

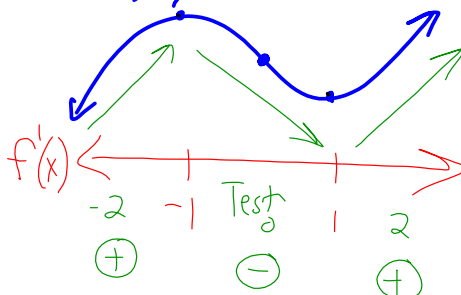
$$(-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$$

Decreases:

$$(-1, 1)$$

$$x^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$x = \pm 1$$

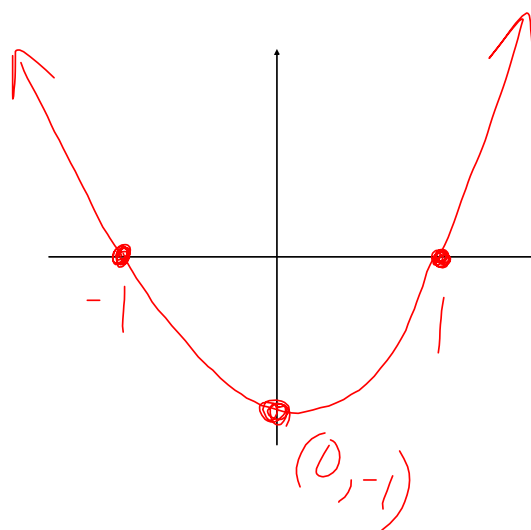
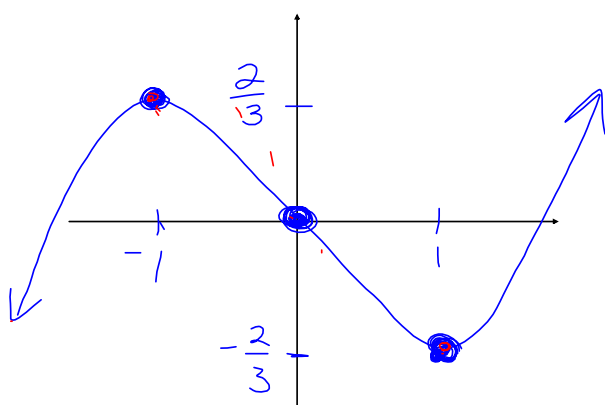


EX #2: Graphs and Derivatives

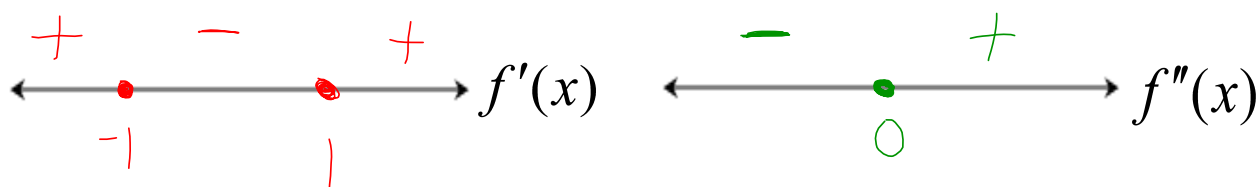
The concavity ($f''(x)$) and direction ($f'(x)$) of the function ($f(x)$) is related to the slope of the derivative.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - x$$

$$f'(x) = \underline{x^2 - 1}$$



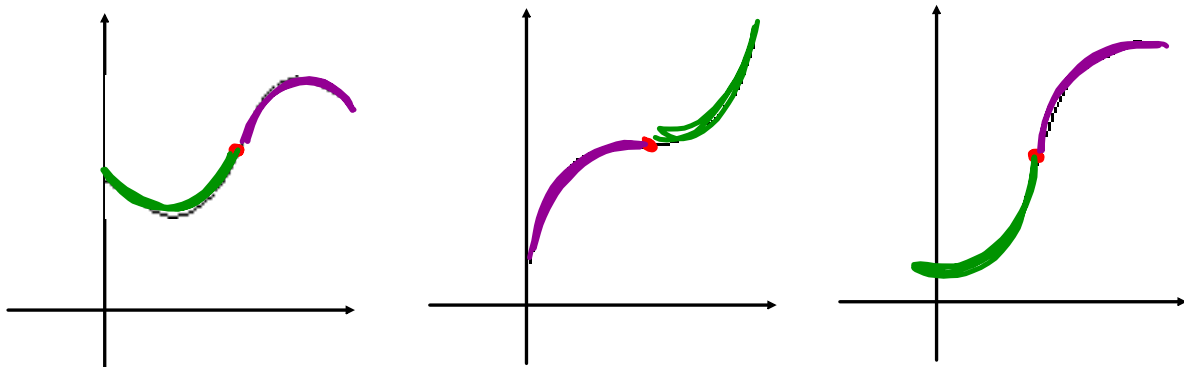
Summary



POINTS OF INFLECTION:

The concavity of f changes at a point of inflection.

Where $f''(x) = 0$ or $f''(x) = \text{does not exist}$



EX #3: Determine any points of inflection and discuss concavity of the graph of $f(x) = x^4 - 4x^3$

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 - 12x^2$$

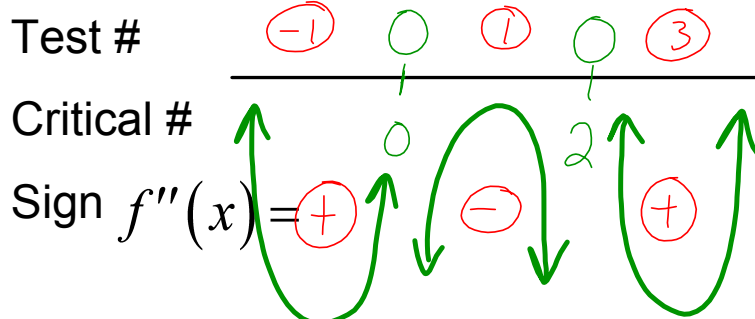
$$f''(x) = 12x^2 - 24x$$

$$12x^2 - 24x = 0$$

$$12x(x-2) = 0$$

$$x=0 \quad x=2$$

Possible
POI



$x=0$ and $x=2$ are POI.

Concave up: $(-\infty, 0) \cup (2, \infty)$

Down: $(0, 2)$

EX #4: Use the Second Derivative Test to determine the relative extrema for $f(x) = -3x^5 + 5x^3$

Step 1: Find critical numbers where $f'(x) = 0$

Step 2: Find $f''(x)$

Step 3: Find sign of $f''(x)$ for each critical number.

Critical Point			
Sign of $f''(x)$			
Conclusion			

EX #5: Use First and Second Derivative Tests to determine behavior of f and graph.

Given: $f(x) = 3x^4 - 4x^3 + 6$

1. $f'(x) = 0$

2. Critical points

3. First Derivative Test

4. $f''(x) = 0$

5. Points of Inflection

6. Second Derivative Test

7. Summarize

Critical Points (c)	$f(c)$	$f''(c)$	Conclusion	Point of Inflection

8. Graph

